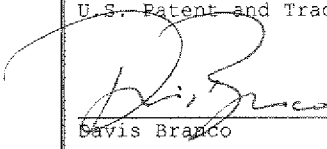


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 24, 2007**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2007, the time for reply having been extended for one month by the Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the remarks set forth below.

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